

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
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For Work Week Commencing: July 31, 2000

Business Meeting: July 31, 2000, 10:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.state.mt.us>.

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Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated (Dan).

1. D2000.7.103 – Energy Northwest Inc. – Electric Rate Increase – Initial Direction on Interim Relief (8/1/00)
2. D2000.5.73 – Red Butte Pipeline – Petition to transfer assets from Marathon Ashland Pipeline to its subsidiary Red Butte Pipeline – DiscussionAction (8/1/00)
3. N99.11.251 – PSC inquiry on Utility Appliance Merchandising and Servicing – Discussion, direction, or action on issue of utility appliance merchandising and servicing (8/1/00)
4. D2000.6.80 – USWest/Quest – SGAT (Statement of Generally Available Terms) – To consider comments on the SGAT filing and take action as necessary (8/1/00)
5. Out-of-cycle meetings, e-mail comments, related matters – Update on out-of-cycle meeting procedure, e-mail comments procedure related items, if any (8/1/00)

6. Discuss MPC Sale – Placeholder (8/1/00)

Weekly Scheduling Meeting – Will be held at 9:45 a.m. on the day of the Business Meeting

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. BLACK HILLS POWER & LIGHT Docket D2000.6.90 (Eric)

On June 23, 2000, BHP&L filed a Quarterly Fuel Rate Rider application. A Notice of Opportunity for Public Hearing was issued on June 26, 2000. Requests for hearing were due by July 24, 2000. No requests have been received. This application will decrease rates by \$5,175 over the base cost of fuel approved in Docket No. 83.4.25. A default order has been drafted

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1. Sprint Docket N2000.7.102 (Scott)

On July 12, 2000, Sprint filed changes to its current Price list No. 1. Changes in Sprint's current price list are being made as reflected on the 128th revised page 1. The purpose of this filing is to introduce Sprint Foncard - Military Plan II and make miscellaneous text changes.

2. AT&T COMMUNICATIONS N2000.7.100 (Leroy)

On July 12, 2000, AT&T Communications filed Tariff Transmittal 2000-14 to extend the AT&T Digital Link Flat Fee Thrifty Calling Promotion through December 30, 2000. AT&T requested these changes to be effective on July 25, 2000. The original promotion ran from September 15, 1999 and concluded June 30, 2000. On July 26, 2000, AT&T amended the filing to replace the promotion with AT&T Digital Link Flat Fee Thrift Calling Plan to become effective on August 15, 2000 and end on March 31, 2000. Enrollment in the plan will conclude on December 31, 2000.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

Tentative Action Items for Agenda 00-08-07

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2000.7.103 – Energy Northwest, Inc. – ENI application for general rate increase

D2000.7.104 – Citizens Communications /Comm South – Resale Agreement

N2000.7.105 – Powerex – Application for Electricity Suppliers License

D2000.7.106 – Havre Pipeline Co – Application for rate increase